

**RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT  
2005**

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

Any threat to break such an order, or any breach of it, can be certified to the High Court or Court of Session under section 36 of the Act, and the Court will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. This Order applies to a hearing to be held on Tuesday, 7 September 2021, during which evidence from Richard Thomas, Head of Specialist and Counter Terrorism Armed Policing will be heard in a restricted session.
2. There shall be no publicly available livestream (whether delayed or otherwise) of this hearing.
3. There shall be no reporting or publication of this hearing unless authorised by the Chairman.
4. The transcript of this hearing will not be made available on the Inquiry's website unless authorised by the Chairman.
5. This Order is made on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and remains in force indefinitely.
6. The Chairman may vary or revoke this Order by making a further order at any point.
7. Any breach of this Order by any means whatsoever shall be notified in writing to the Solicitor to the Inquiry (“STI”) immediately upon identification of the breach.

**PENAL NOTICE**

8. The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

**Sir John Saunders**  
**Chairman, Manchester Arena Inquiry**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2021